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## Townships roll over \$996,882 in unused funds

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County has six township trustees' offices – Perry, Halbert, Lost River, Mitcheltree, Rutherford, and Center. At the end of 2017, the six townships combined had \$996,882.74 in unused funds that rolled over to this year. All six townships spent a total of \$289,902.40 in 2017. Of that \$128,427.32 was spent on salaries and office expenses.

Each township has a trustee, an elected official with a four-year term. Each trustee also can have a paid secretary (Lost River Township chooses not to) and a paid advisory board of three people. All six township trustees in Martin County in 2017, operated the trustee's office from their homes and were reimbursed for rent, utilities, phone, and travel, in some cases.

There are 1,008 townships in Indiana. One of the main jobs of a township trustee is to provide money to people in need. Township assistance is given to individuals who are in an emergency situation and have no other means to provide the basic essentials of life. Residents in need can request help paying for utilities, rent, medical and dental expenses, prescriptions, vehicle repairs,

### Martin County Chamber of Commerce to hold Annual Dinner March 15

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will host their Annual Dinner on Thursday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at St John's Center Lower Level in Loogootee. This year's guest speaker is Mayor of Gary, Indiana, Karen Freeman-Wilson.

Karen Freeman-Wilson has been the mayor of her hometown of Gary, Indiana since January 2012. Mayor Freeman-Wilson is the first female to lead the city of Gary and the first African-American female mayor in the state of Indiana.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson has served in the public arena most of her professional life. She was previously the Indiana Attorney General, the Director of the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and the presiding judge of the Gary City Court. She was also a leader in the national drug court movement having served as the CEO of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and Executive Director of the National Drug Court Institute.

Freeman-Wilson is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School. She has been honored by the White House of Drug Control Policy, Governors of Indiana and various organizations throughout the United States. She was one of the 25 female governmental officials selected for the Governing Institute's Women's Leadership

fuel, groceries, and clothing.

The trustee also provides fire protection to its citizens when the township is not incorporated into a city or town. This includes writing a check to fire departments to provide fire service to their township residents. Townships, such as Lost River, also help by providing funds for buildings, equipment, and vehicles for the department.

The trustee also maintains cemeteries by hiring people to provide mowing services. Other duties, per state statute, can include helping with funeral expenses, providing and maintaining township parks and community centers, destroying detrimental plants, noxious weeds, and rank vegetation; and providing insulin to the poor.

Money is provided to the townships from property taxes, auto excise tax, and county option income tax. Interest earned from the rollover of cash balances is also included in the budget.

Each year the township trustees are required by state law to file an annual report. Those reports, according to the state Gateway site, must be provided to the state for upload onto the state database 60 days after the end of the year. To view all reports, visit <https://gateway>. (See 'TOWNSHIPS' on page 2)



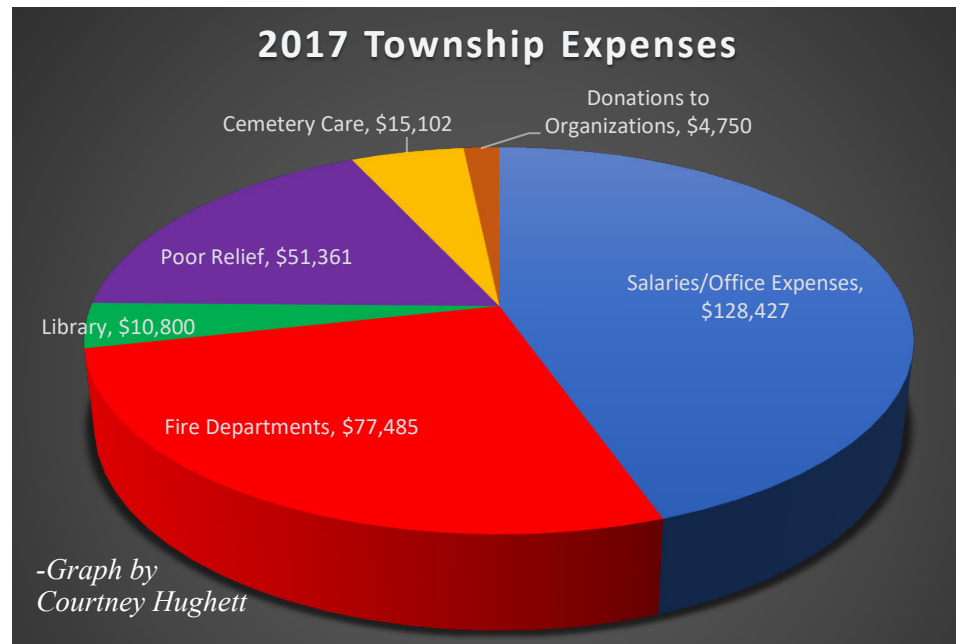
KAREN FREEMAN-WILSON

cohort for 2017.

A champion for children, seniors, the disabled, the disenfranchised and those suffering from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, Mayor Freeman-Wilson quickly attributes the signs of progress in Gary to the efforts of "Team Gary", which includes city staff, members of other branches of government at the federal, state and local levels and those in the corporate, educational and non-profit arena who have joined the effort to rebuild the city of Gary.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson is the Second Vice President of the National League of Cities, chair of the Criminal and Social Justice Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. She also chaired the committee that authored the U.S. Conference of Mayors publication on community policing.

Mayor Freeman-Wilson and her husband (See 'DINNER' continued on page 2)



## Former sheriff's deputy arrested for dealing drugs

Over the weekend, Indiana State Troopers Andrew Beaver and Ross Johnson arrested former Martin County Sheriff's Deputy Danny R Salmon, 33, of Shoals, for an outstanding Martin County arrest warrant for dealing schedule II and IV controlled substance.

Late last year, Martin County Sheriff Travis Roush contacted the Indiana State Police Jasper Post and requested a special investigation after they had received information that Salmon was possibly involved in illegal drug activity.

During his investigation, Sergeant Greg Ashby determined that Salmon had dealt hydrocodone and tramadol on multiple occasions during the fall of 2017.

After the Martin County Prosecutor's Office reviewed Ashby's investigation an arrest warrant for Salmon was issued for the following charges:

-Dealing in a Schedule II Controlled Substance, 1 Count, IC 35-48-4-2, Level 6 Felony

### County council approves new jailer, wants to see highway department reports

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Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday, March 5, about his need for another jailer. Sheriff Roush brought this up at the last council meeting but did not request a decision at that time. He had said at the last meeting that he was waiting to add more staff when he had an increase in out-of-county inmates. There are currently 70 inmates, 10 of which are out of county, and five additional inmates will be arriving this week from Vigo County.

Sheriff Roush had a jail analysis done a few weeks ago that said he needed 19 jailers - something he realizes is not a possibility. He had four at that time and the council agreed to let him hire one more. Now he is in the need of another due to the additional beds he's been



DANNY SALMON

-Dealing in a Schedule IV Controlled Substance, 1 Count, IC 35-48-4-3, Class A Misdemeanor

Salmon bonded himself out of the Martin County Jail with \$2,500 cash.

All inquiries regarding Salmon's previous employment with the Martin County Sheriff's Department shall be directed to Martin County Sheriff Roush.

adding. The jail has a total of 82 beds. Sheriff Roush said that the current out-of-county inmates will gross the county an additional \$76,000. If they approve another jailer, \$35,000 (\$25,195 plus benefits) will go toward his/her salary. The other \$36,000 will go back in the county's general fund.

It was also noted that jailers are required to attend the police academy within their first year of employment.

Roush said he understands that the out-of-county inmates may stop coming and he knows the council worries about that. Roush said he wouldn't fire jailers however he would let the position dry up and not replace anyone leaving if the population went down in the jail.

Roush said he was also contacted by Vanderburgh County over the weekend. He turned down taking inmates from Vanderburgh because he wants to stick (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)



# TOWNSHIPS

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ifionline.org/report\_builder/. Information directly from the state reports is broken down below for each township.

## RUTHERFORD TOWNSHIP

Rutherford Township's trustee is Terry J. Street. His clerical assistant is Renee Street. The three-member advisory board consisted of Virgil S. Street, Danny Berry, and Jeff Horney. In 2017, Rutherford Township began with a balance of \$95,081.42. After receipts and disbursements, totaling \$38,602.60, the township ended 2017 with a balance of \$93,606.80.

Of the \$38,602.60 that was paid out, \$12,029.65 went toward salaries and office expenses including the trustee's salary of \$5,089.20 (decreased by \$1,090.80 from the previous year), his assistant's salary of \$2,544.60 (decreased by \$545.40 from the previous year) and the advisory board member's salaries of \$577.18 each (decreased by \$47.17 from the previous year). \$5,280, (\$440 per month) was paid in rent, utilities and phone for the township office located in the Streets' home and \$178.20 was reimbursed to the trustee for mileage. Rutherford Township paid Shawn Truelove \$1,800 to provide mowing of cemeteries. The township also gave \$14,375 to the Haysville Fire Department for a fire service contract and \$275 each was paid to Keith Keller, Kenny Haven, Lacy Haven, Steven Buchta and Derek Johnson from the firefighting fund.

As for assistance, \$3,156.62 was given to seven people (seven households) who requested help last year. Of that \$2,656.62 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, and \$500 to White River Co-Op.

## HALBERT TOWNSHIP

Halbert Township's trustee is Exzelia Montgomery. Her clerical assistant is Pauletta Montgomery. The three-member advisory board includes Stephanie Horton, Travis Montgomery, and Kimberly Albright. Halbert Township started 2017 with a cash balance of \$212,546.59 and ended the year at \$230,529.65.

Of the \$54,152.71 total spent in 2017 by Halbert Township, \$17,118.54 was used to pay for salaries including the trustee's salary of \$11,336.88 (an increase of \$539.32 from the previous year), the clerical salary of \$2,581.20 (an increase of \$122.84 from 2016), and \$816.98 (an increase of \$155.43 from the previous year) each to the three advisory board members. \$2,503.11 was paid out for salary deductions.

Also \$2,219.88 (\$184.99 per month) was paid to Exzelia Montgomery for the use of her home and phone for the trustee's office.

For Halbert Township's cemetery care \$300 was paid to Janie Johnson, \$1,200 was paid to Bill Keller, \$600 was paid to Marlin Courtright and \$300 was paid to Jaron Gibson.

For money given to the needy, 70 requests were made for help and 46 households received poor assistance, totaling \$14,674.14. Of the 46 households receiving help, money was paid to the following on behalf of those seeking help: Warren Atkinson \$200, Cave & Cave Family Dentistry \$432, Adrian Crim \$200, CVS \$588.26, Daviess-Martin REMC \$6,771.98, DCH Practice Management Clinic \$500, Duke Energy \$1,065.41, East Fork Water \$213.49, Louis Graber \$475, Kenneth Jones \$200, Bryan Montgomery \$120, Propane Direct \$250, Property Sure \$170, Tim Rincker \$120, Betty Salmon \$250, Shoals Municipal Utilities \$468, Thorne-George Family Fu-

neral Home \$2,400, and White River Co-Op \$200.

Also, \$10,339.67 was paid to the Shoals Fire Department and \$4,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

## LOST RIVER TOWNSHIP

Lost River trustee is Mildred Brown and she does not pay a clerical assistant. The 2017 advisory board consisted of Alice Butler, Keith Emmons, and Bruce Fithian. At the beginning of 2017 the trustee's cash balance was \$74,303.03 and was \$81,576.81 at the end of the year. A total of \$978.67 was spent on office expenses.

For 2017, a total of \$31,565.36 was paid out. Of that, \$5,382.51 was spent on salaries including \$3,078.24 for the trustee's salary and three advisory board members were paid \$439.75 for the year and \$985.02 was paid to the IRS for salary deductions.

Brown paid \$700 (\$58 a month) for the use of her home as the township office.

For cemetery care in Lost River Township, Phillip Jones was paid \$1,400, Jerry Schnarr was paid \$150, Keith Albright and David Butler were each paid \$170 and Dale Brown was paid \$700.

The township paid \$13,800 to the Lost River Fire Department and spent \$12,000 was paid out for expenses for the fire department including purchases at Englert's, Walmart, W.S. Darley, Harmonic Electronics, Mid America Fire, and Hopf Outdoors.

The township paid \$1,000 to the Shoals Public Library.

Five people requested hardship assistance from the Lost River Trustee last year and five were helped totaling \$3,090.51. Of that, \$905.16 was paid to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$250 to Andis Logging, \$136.85 to Dubois Water, \$198.50 to JayC Food Store, \$350 to Patsy Quinn, \$800 to Lori Brosmer, and \$450 to White River Co-Op.

## CENTER TOWNSHIP

Center Township's trustee is Charles Hamilton and his clerk is Donna Hamilton. The three-member advisory board includes Kenneth Brett, Larry Downs, and Gerald Wilcoxon.

Center Township's cash balance was \$119,690.23 at the beginning of 2017. At the end of the year the balance was \$121,190.10.

A total of \$40,034.34 was spent by the township last year. \$13,699.03 was spent on salaries. Of that, \$7,680 (\$80 more than the year before) was paid to the trustee, \$3,300 to the trustee's clerical assistant (\$300 more than the year before), \$665 (\$15 more each than the year before) to each advisory board member. A total of \$724.03 was paid to the IRS.

The rent for the trustee's office was \$1,800 (\$150 per month).

For cemetery care, \$999 was paid to Roy Dale Grafton and \$1,398 to Jayce Graber.

Center Township gave \$10,000 to the Town of Shoals for a firefighting contract and paid \$339.67 for fire department insurance. The township gave \$3,800 to the Shoals Public Library.

There were 32 poor assistance requests to the trustee last year and 19 households were given assistance. The amount given in assistance in 2017 was \$6,962.49. Of that, \$1,600 was paid to Duke Energy, \$2,608.08 to Daviess-Martin REMC, \$193.66 to the Town of Shoals Water, \$190 to "housing", \$150.75 to "healthcare", \$1,500 to "funerals", \$200 to M&M Electric, \$200 to Greene's Body Shop, \$120 to Gerald Montgomery, and \$200 to "refrigerator".

## MITCHELTREE TOWNSHIP

Mitcheltree Township's trustee was Tammy Gore and her clerk was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board included Dan Butler, Charity Tolbert, and Kay Belcher.

At the start of 2017, the trustee's cash balance was \$270,855.02 and stood at \$277,492.54 at the end of the year.

A total of \$26,880.67 was spent last year and of that \$12,912.89 was spent on salaries - \$6,500 for the trustee's salary, \$4,100 for the clerk's salary and \$600 for each advisory board member. \$512.89 was paid to the IRS for salary withholdings.

The trustee's office, located in Gore's home, had \$1,200 for rent and telephone expenses (\$100 per month).

Mitcheltree paid out \$3,500 to James Norman for cemetery work. 1,500 was donated to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park and \$250 to Greater Works Ministry.

There were four requests for township assistance in Mitcheltree for 2017 and four households helped. \$1,239.60 was paid out - \$989.60 to REMC and \$250 to Crystal Trambaugh.

\$4,000 was given to the Williams Volunteer Fire Department for a firefighting contract and \$2,000 was given to the Shoals Public Library.

## PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Township's trustee is Jason Hennette and his clerk for last year was Steven Anderson. The three-member advisory board consists of Brandi Hennette, Paul Crew, and Julie Green.

Perry's cash balance at the beginning of 2017 was \$170,701.42 and was \$192,486.84 at the end of the year.

A total of \$90,986.87 was paid out in

# COUNCIL

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with one county at a time, for continuity and billing purposes. Vanderburgh is taking their inmates to Illinois because of the jail overcrowding so they are an option if more out-of-county inmates are needed to fill beds.

The council agreed to allow Sheriff Roush to move forward getting applications for a new jailer until the additional money can be advertised and the council can officially approve at their next meeting in April.

Sheriff Roush also informed the council that the furnace for the dispatch area is in need of replacement. M&M Electric submitted a quote for \$7,950 with 10-year parts and labor warranty. There are funds available in the county cumulative capital development fund for jail repairs to pay for the purchase.

Council Member Buck Stiles said he's not seeing any road improvements from the grant money from Community Crossings and he would like to know why. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett was not present at the meeting to answer questions. Council Member Barb McFeaters replied to Stiles that the grant was awarded late last year and with the winter months, the highway department can't do much to the roads. She did said she thought the highway

# DINNER

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band, Carmen Wilson II, have a blended family of four children.

The Chamber will also announce the recipient of the Gene Shaw Citizen of the year, at the dinner. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at Old National Bank in Loogootee and Shoals. The public is welcome to attend. Tickets will be sold at Old National Bank until March 13. No tickets will be sold at the door.

2017. Of that, \$44,049.13 was paid in salaries including \$18,000 for the trustee (\$500.04 more than 2016), \$13,000 for his clerk (\$500 more than the previous year), and \$2,500 for each advisory board member (\$500 more each than the previous year). \$5,549.13 was paid out in salary deductions.

A total of \$6,000 (\$500 per month) was paid in rent to Hennette for the use of his home as the trustee's office and \$1,590.86 was paid to Frontier for his phone and internet.

Shawn Truelove Mowing was paid \$2,950 for cemetery care and \$10,500 was paid to the City of Loogootee for fire protection.

Perry Township gave out \$25,237.33 in poor assistance in 2017, benefiting 109 households. The following received payments on behalf of those seeking assistance: Duke Energy \$7,846.62, Blake Funeral Home \$2,500, Jay Smith \$300, Marie Truelove \$600, Town of Crane \$150, Daviess County Rural Water \$150, Country Place Apartments \$150, Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home \$1,500, Teresa Nolley \$450, Daviess-Martin REMC \$1,450, West Way Senior Housing \$300, Rick Norris \$150, Vectren \$834.20, DOS Service \$150, Andrew Arvin \$150, Donna Heil \$200, Martin County Senior Housing \$100, White River Co-Op \$392.67, Mark Taylor \$400, Weldon McPherson \$250, Jared Wathen \$150, Utilities District \$100, Katte Graber \$400, Perry Water \$100, and the City of Loogootee \$3,463.84.

\$1,000 each was given to Cops & Kids, Loogootee High School, and ACCTS (Area Churches Honoring Christ Together in Service), from the township poor relief fund.

department did a lot of prep work on the roads last fall. She said she expects the highway department will be busy now, as the weather gets warmer. Auditor January Roush said that they actually haven't received any of the grant money yet and the commissioners just approved bids on the roads that were a part of the Community Crossings grant at their last meeting.

Stiles said he would like the highway superintendent to attend the April meeting with an update on what the highway department is getting accomplished. Both Stiles and Council Member Randy Winger said they would like to see a report on what ditches are being done as well, prior to any roads being paved.

Auditor Roush said that the highway department submits a two-week work schedule to the commissioners every meeting that show the work done the prior two weeks, also listing which employee did what work. Stiles said he would like to see that report too. He said when they go out knocking on doors to get votes, he would like to be able to tell people what the highway department has been getting done. Stiles added that they are "blind" when it comes to knowing what is getting done on roads and ditches in the county.

Recorder Rhonda Sanders purchased two new ADA compliant tables for title searchers. The cost for each table was \$439. Sanders said she didn't have enough funds in her account, as she didn't realize the tables would be so expensive, and needed to request additional funds from the general fund to pay them.

Council Member Richard Summers reminded all department heads to have council approval for funds before purchasing items. The council did approve the request, however, for \$878.

# Obituaries

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## LESTER TRUELOVE

Lester E. Truelove age 81, of Shoals, passed away at his residence on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 6:58 p.m. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.

He was born June 29, 1936 in Ruthersford Township in Martin County; son of Woodrow and Catherine (Burruss) Truelove. He married Dianne Gee on August 4, 1995 and she survives.

He graduated from Loogootee High School, farmed and retired from National Gypsum with 43 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne; two daughters, Joyce Elaine Druba and husband, John, of Madison; Cathy Hall of Sellersburg; two sons, Thomas Allan Truelove of Shoals and John David Truelove of Loogootee; seven grandchildren, Justin Druba, Jay Druba, Jennifer Chase, Corban Truelove, Angel Lynn Wells, Jessica Truelove and Noah Truelove; five great-grandchildren, Brooks Druba, Alexis Druba, Chevelle Wells, Cyrus Wells, Coraline Wells; two brothers, Roger Truelove of Loogootee and Terry Truelove of Martinsville; two sisters, Cheryl Alvers of Evansville and Karen Sue Holman of Loogootee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sons, Robert Earl Truelove and James Alexander Truelove; four brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, March 7 at 2 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Marty Evans officiating. Burial will be in the Truelove Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of the service.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

## BARBARA BAXTER

Barbara "Susie" Baxter passed away at 1:35 p.m. Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 89.

She was born in Loogootee on September 28, 1928; daughter of Lawrence and Eathel (Workman) Buhr. She married Carl Klinge on June 30, 1949. He preceded her in death on September 13, 1982. She then married Ernest "Gene" Baxter on November 28, 1983. He preceded her in death on May 24, 2017.

She was a graduate of Loogootee High School.

Barbara was a farmer most of her life and was also a beautician for many years.

She enjoyed crocheting and loved dogs and spending time with her family.

Surviving are three daughters, Wanda Uebelhor, and her husband, Rick, of Jasper; Diana Klinge-Wilson, and her, husband, Ken, of Pittsboro, and Kim Doty, and her husband, John, of French Lick, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death besides her husband were one daughter, Karla Klinge, one son, Daniel Klinge, and one brother, Wilford "Bud" Buhr.

A Memorial Mass for will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 10, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield.

A visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service time at the church on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Northwood Retirement Community or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).



## Floods

-Photo above by Pat Daugherty, photo below by Bill Whorrall

Flood waters have started to recede in the county. Around 28 roads in Martin County were closed due to flooding. The above photo was water over Spout Springs Road last Tuesday. The below photo was the White River in Shoals, running under the railway bridge. According to photographer Bill Whorrall, the water was completely over that bridge in 1913.



## ACCTS holds annual banquet

The "Area Churches Honoring Christ Together in Service" (ACCTS) sponsors a free banquet every year for those that need help. This year, the banquet was held on Saturday February 24 at the St. John Center.

The middle/end of winter is somewhat of a "dry spell" for holidays, so ACCTS has always held the banquet about this time of the year to help break the monotony and dreariness of winter. The meal is free to all that want to

come and the people from the churches donate all the food. Takeout containers are provided at the end of the evening so that the guests can take home any of the leftovers.

And at the end of the evening two sacks of groceries were given away to each family attending the banquet (up to 96 families).

Door prizes, which are donated mostly by the ACCTS meeting attendees, are also handed out.



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**SATURDAY  
MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**

at the  
**VFW**

**6:00 ~ 9:00 PM**

**An Evening of Fun & Food!**  
**CASH PRIZE for WINNER!**  
**VARIOUS GIFT BASKETS!**

PRICE TO PLAY ~ \$10 PER PERSON

Food, Desserts & Beverages available for purchase!

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:04 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicle on Poplar Grove Road. Captain Dant responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of accident and request for ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Air Evac, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Captain Dant responded. Air Evac transported one subject to University of Louisville Hospital. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital, where Air Evac then transported to Deaconess Hospital in Louisville.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:15 p.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill completed vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Haysville Fire Department, Deputy Reed, and Reserve Deputy Graves responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:55 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:43 a.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:46 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

9:01 a.m. - Received an odor complaint on US Hwy 150, south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:05 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took two inmates to court.

10:08 a.m. - Captain Dant completed vehicle identification check in Shoals.

10:33 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for officer assistance west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Sergeant Keller, and Captain Dant responded.

1:06 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of bobcat sighting east of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of individuals driving through flood water on US Hwy 150. Loogootee Police

Department responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a report of harassment north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

12:45 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:10 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

6:29 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:41 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of loose cows on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:22 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:01 p.m. - Captain Dant completed a vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

1:26 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless truck on US 50, near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person on US 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant, Chief Deputy Greene, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Loogootee. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

9:33 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

10:07 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene and Reserve Deputy Gammon transported one inmate to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

1:07 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a complaint of the blasting near Indian Springs.

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

3:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:56 p.m. - Received a report of reckless semis on US 50. Deputy Shinn responded.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:03 a.m. - Received a report of an assault in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of an injured animal on US 50 in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50, east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of activated fire alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded. Everything checked out okay.

3:26 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

3:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Chief Deputy Greene, and Deputy Shinn responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of multiple vehicles blocking the roadway on US Hwy 50. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:25 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:45 a.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:35 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Robert W. Montgomery and Ruth J. Montgomery**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Byron K. Albright and Susanna Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 27 and a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 34, both in Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 11 acres, more or less.

**Cliff S. Goodman and Kari L. Goodman**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Jeffrey A. Wilcher and Carrie S. Wilcher**, of Shelby County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Dennis Stepanek**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Mark E. Sheetz and Mary E. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in Block "E" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Steve Whitehead** to **Staci R. Morrow**, Lot Number 105 in the original Town of Crane.

**Joy R. Bough**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael Schlaegel and Rebecca Schlaegel**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 12 in Buffington's Addition to Dover Hill. Tract II: Lots Numbered 17, 18, 30, 31, and 32 all in Delamater Beaver and Barker Addition to the Town of Dover Hill, Indiana.

**Cameron L. Sheetz and Jessica Y. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ashton T. Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing approximately .3 of an acre, more or less, except a section containing .016 of an acre.

**Autumn C. Aiman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica Y. Sheetz and**

9:57 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

10:27 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

10:30 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted with a funeral procession in Shoals.

12:35 p.m. - Received a dog neglect call in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:06 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

5:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Reed responded.

**Cameron L. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre, more or less. Being Lot Number 14 in unrecorded plat of Country Court III Addition.

**Thomas D. Mackison**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chelsey J. Baker**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 12 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

**John C. Bauer and Kimberly J. Bauer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark Thomas**, of Knox County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in Sawmill Ridge Subdivision Section I in Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**Sharon Craft**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley Jones and Julie Jones**, Lot Number 23 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Jason Robbins**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyson Hilderbrand**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 19 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth Extension to the Town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 20 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth Extension to the Town of Shoals, former West Shoals, Indiana.

**Charles Kevin Taylor and Tara Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Darwin T. Fleagle and Emily F. Fleagle**, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

# MARTIN COUNTY COURT NEWS

*Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

**January 31**

Rejan K. Allen, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; five counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; two counts of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, Class 6 Felonies; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; two counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Class 6 Felonies; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

**February 1**

Michael D. Gist, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; five counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

Roger L. Gist, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; two counts of dealing in a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 5 Felonies; five counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies; dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

Stephanie C. Howder, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Phillip R. Fellers, intimidation, a Class 6 Felony.

**February 5**

Travis T. Karns, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sherry P. Lindy, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Joshua M. Payne, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Erin L. Sieksman, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kelly L. Johnson, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony.

Kelvin E. Canady, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 6**

Miguel Antonio Carabantes-Miranda, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 7**

Stacy L. Fields, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Cody D. Fields, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 8**

Angela M. Reynolds, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tony K. Allen, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a schedule V controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tammy L. Allen, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a schedule V controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Patrick L. Mattingly, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Tony K. Allen II, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 9**

Claude L. Jones, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 12**

Nicholas A. Dant, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kayla D. Freeman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Amber M. Barber, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jasmine R. Cunningham, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class 6 Felonies; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 14**

Rodney L. Denham, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 Felony;

possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class 6 Felonies; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 20**

Gage K. Sanders, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kevin M. Qualkenbush, two counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors.

Joseph M. Williams, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony.

Faron D. Brown, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 21**

Marvin R. Seitz, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 23**

Cole A. Diamond, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**February 26**

John A. Tarr, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

**January 30**

Robert W. Goldsberry, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

Dylan S. Strange, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 411 days suspended and credit for 68 actual days previously served plus 68 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

**February 1**

Heather R. Ditton, convicted of dealing in a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with 1,212 days suspended and credit for 186 actual days previously served plus 62 Class B credit days. Defendant received 3 years of probation.

**February 6**

Valerie A. McCarthy, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 345 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 28 actual days previously served plus 28 Class A credit days and 247 actual days served at the Martin County Community Corrections program.

Beau P. Russell, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating while intoxicated with a previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 243 days suspended and credit for 152 actual days previously served plus 152 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

Timothy W. Witt, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with

1,171 days suspended and credit for 216 actual days previously served plus 73 Class B credit days. Defendant received 3 years of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

**January 30**

Robert W. Goldsberry, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dylan S. Strange, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**February 1**

Heather R. Ditton, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class 4 Felony, dismissed; dealing in a narcotic drug, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

**February 6**

Valerie A. McCarthy, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Beau P. Russell, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

Timothy W. Witt, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed.

**February 21**

Shawn Campbell, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

**February 21**

Shelly R. Petty vs. Thomas L. Petty, petition for dissolution of marriage.

**February 22**

Melissa Gibson vs. Adam Gibson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Mary G. Wagoner vs. Jason J. Wagoner, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

**February 26**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Dolores Grissom in the amount of \$1,011.69.

**March 1**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Troy W. Arvin in the amount of \$10,385.02.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

**New Suits Filed**

**February 14**

C&L Investments vs. Patrick Mattingly, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**March 1**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Teresa Holt in the amount of \$1,089.60.

**March 5**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Melody S. Padgett in the amount of \$450.98.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1:40 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on Queen Street.

7:17 p.m. - Caller reported a possible suspicious item at the high school track. Item checked out okay.

8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody violation.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:55 a.m. - Caller reported a car-deer accident on US 231.

7:43 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

3:30 p.m. - First responders were requested in Shaded Estates for a medical call.

5:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on 550.

6:15 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Park Street. Animal Control was contacted.

6:18 p.m. - Male reported a gas smell on Dewey Street.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

1:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a property damage accident.

6:29 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on West Washington Street.

4:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near Butcher Boulevard.

9:50 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious vehicle in the Ruler parking lot. Driver checked out okay.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:25 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a suspicious male on US 231.

11:15 a.m. - Male came on station to file a civil complaint.

6:57 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:23 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

10:48 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 2

7:03 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Broadway Street.

8:30 a.m. - Male reported an injured animal in front of Dollar General.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.

5:25 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog complaint.

6:13 p.m. - Male reported a property damage accident.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 3

2:25 a.m. - First responders were requested on Acton Street for a medical call.

1:11 a.m. - Officer McBeth cited a male into court for possession of marijuana.

2:39 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a medical call.

5:35 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4

12:33 p.m. - Caller reported an aggressive dog on Cedar Street. Animal Control was contacted.

4:43 p.m. - Female reported vandalism.

7:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

8:25 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

1:20 p.m. - Ryan Peters, 40, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller and Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

10:25 a.m. - Noah Cox, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with domestic battery and criminal confinement. He is being held without bond.

4:54 p.m. - Danny Salmon, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with dealing in schedule III controlled substance, dealing in schedule IV controlled substance, and theft. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Greene assisted with the arrest.

2018 Jackie Edmondson, of Loogootee, pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine as a Level 5 Felony and admitted the allegation of a petition to revoke probation in an older case. Edmondson was sentenced to a total of seven years and 714 days of imprisonment to the Indiana Department of Correction.

Lastly, on February 22, 2018, Ryan Mattingly, of Loogootee, pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine and possession of a syringe, both Level 6 Felonies. He was sentenced to two years on each charge with the sentences to be served consecutively for a total of four years at the Indiana Department of Correction.

## Sentences handed down in multiple cases

On March 1, 2018 Kimberly Dubson, of rural Shoals, pled guilty to dealing in methamphetamine as a Level 3 Felony. She was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of eight years at the Indiana Department of Correction. On February 15, 2018, a co-defendant, Richard Bolen, pled guilty to dealing in methamphetamine as a Level 5 Felony and admitted the Habitual Offender Sentence Enhancement. Bolen was also sentenced to eight years imprisonment at the Indiana Department of Correction. These convictions were the result of a controlled buy conducted by the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Two other unrelated cases were also recently resolved. On February 22,

# 4-H NEWS



By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator

### Junior Leaders Easter Egg Hunt

The Martin County Junior Leaders will hold their annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. at the Community Building. All are welcome to join us in the hunt. Prizes are given to first and second place winners in each category. Age groups are 0-2 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, 7-8 years old, and 9-10 years old. There is no need to register.

### JOANN Fabrics Stores to Spread Love and Grow Local 4-H Programs with Paper Clover Campaign

JOANN Fabrics stores want to see more Indiana/Martin County kids learning by doing, creating and making. Thousands of local 4-H members, staff, volunteers and supporters will join with JOANN customers to ensure more kids get that chance through a new Paper Clover campaign to bring hands-on 4-H programs to Indiana/Martin County.

Proceeds from the Paper Clover campaign will directly support Indiana 4-H programs. Each Paper Clover will include instructions for a special Valentine's Day craft idea that customers can create to share with someone special. With the \$4 Paper Clover, customers will also receive a coupon for \$4 off their next purchase.

To learn more about the national partnership, visit [www.4-h.org/JOANN](http://www.4-h.org/JOANN) or contact the Purdue Extension Martin County Office at (812) 295-2412.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life, Become a 4-H Volunteer

Becoming a 4-H volunteer is easy, just phone the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 and ask for the appropriate forms to be mailed to you. Once we get all of the forms back and conduct a brief interview, you're finished. Being a volunteer with 4-H means you get the chance to help Martin County youth learn leadership and life skills through project completion, camps, workshops, and educational outreach programs.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



DAISY is a female Dachshund/beagle mix, 6+ years old, very sweet, doesn't much care for other dogs or cats. She will be spayed on March 19. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit [www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org) or find Martin County Humane Society - Indiana on facebook.

### Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The 2018 livestock weigh-in dates have been finalized. All 4-Hers participating in cattle, sheep, goats, and/or poultry will receive information and registration forms in the mail soon. Please have all of this information filled out before coming to the weigh-ins. This year DNA hair samples will be required from cattle going to the Indiana State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Beef Weigh-in: Saturday, March 10 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in: Saturday, May 5 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Swine Weigh-in: Saturday, May 12 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Poultry Blood Testing: Saturday, June 9 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

### Upcoming Events

Ag Day - Saturday, March 17 at 8 a.m. at the Community Building

Shooting Sports Meetings - Mondays, March 12, and March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building

Horse & Pony Meetings - Every third Monday of the month at the fairgrounds.

Jolly Jug Rox Meetings - March 13, April 2, April 17, May 1, May 22, June 11, June 26 all at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Junior Leaders Meetings - March 18 at 4 p.m., April 22 at 5 p.m. (bingo at senior housing following). All at the Learning Center.

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# Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



-- MCCF ENDOWMENTS --

The MCCF currently has 56 endowments that give back to our community in many ways. There are several types of endowments to do this. They are the (1) unrestricted funds that address the changing and emerging needs of Martin County, (2) scholarships for a wide variety of educational choices, (3) designated funds to provide support to specific charitable organizations, (4) field of interest funds that address broadly defined areas of concern, and (5) donor advised funds that allow donors to recommend grants that address those changing and emerging needs in the community.

-- MANY CAUSES --

So, you can see that there is a lot of flexibility for someone to donate to the MCCF and help out our community in some way. Last week I highlighted the scholarships that are available this year through the Martin County Community Foundation. This week I'm going to highlight the "field of interest" funds that address a concern of many people. It is a concern for the maintenance and preservation of our cemeteries.

-- CEMETERIES --

Our cemeteries are important not only because of our loved ones resting there, but also because of the memories and history that are preserved. When paying your respects at a cemetery, you can't but help to see and remem-

ber the legacies of those around you. And the artistry of the monuments is a beauty that causes you to all the more respect those that have gone before us.

-- FUNDS TO HELP --

The MCCF has funds that support the maintenance and preservation of five cemeteries: the St. Martin Cemetery, the Truelove Cemetery, the Goodwill Cemetery, the South Martin Cemetery, and the St. John Cemetery. These endowment funds were established by people with connections to those cemeteries and had the ability to do something to help. And now that they're established, anyone can donate to these endowments to forever help maintain the cemetery that means something to them. Pictured are a few grants from those funds that will benefit the cemeteries.

-- STARTING AN ENDOWMENT --

If you or someone you know is interested in an endowment for a cemetery or any other cause, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

-- MORE INFORMATION --

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).



Pictured is Pastor Gary Elsten (Loogootee United Methodist Church) receiving a \$369 grant check from Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director) for the maintenance of the Goodwill Cemetery.



Pictured is Fr. Walker (St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish) receiving checks for \$2,461 to help with the maintenance of the St. John Cemetery.



Pictured left to right is Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director) presenting a \$1,321 grant check to St. Martin Cemetery Association President Kenny Lannan and Vice-President John Lannan for the maintenance and preservation of the St. Martin Cemetery.

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



The first time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them). Some of them are repeats (but they are still pretty clever).

1. Where's there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you . . . but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up . . . we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person on plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify . . ." I answered, "a doctor."
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
13. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder

for me to find one now.

### 1st DAY OF SCHOOL

After retiring from the Marine Corps, a former Drill Instructor Sergeant took a job as a high school teacher. Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a light plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fit snugly under his shirt and wasn't noticeable when he wore his suit jacket.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart- alack punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk, he looked around the room and made eye contact with each and every student. A strong breeze through the window made his tie flap. He picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead Silence.

The rest of the school year went very smoothly...

### THE USHER

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of stairs.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.

"The front row, please," she answered.

"You don't want to do that," the usher said. "The pastor is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.

"I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.

"Do you know who I am?" he asked.

"No," she said.

"Good," he answered.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, March 8 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Easter Egg Hunt

An Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by DCH/ND Medical Clinic, will be held Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. in the Odon Park. 5,000 eggs will be hidden and toddlers through 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to the hunt. A pancake and sausage breakfast, sponsored by The Odon Locker will be held from 9-10 a.m. at the Odon Community Building. The rain date is March 31.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each

month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

## Tri Kappa holds February meeting

BY MEGAN RICHER  
*Tri Kappa Recording Secretary*

On Tuesday February 27, a chapter meeting of the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Hostesses for the evening were Barb McFeaters, Jessica Poole, Peggy Mattingly and Lisa Arvin. The theme of the meeting was "BIN-GO."

Vice President Katie Milligan called the Delta Tau meeting to order in absence of President Audrey Robinson. Megan Richer called roll call. February minutes were sent via e-mail or mailed to those without e-mail. With no corrections, Katie Milligan approved the January meeting minutes. Treasurer Kristi Ausbrooks read the treasurer's report.

Kathy Lingenfelter read the following correspondence: a thank you for the donation and continued support from the Martin County Humane Society; Tyler Walton sent a thank you letter for the donation towards the Loogootee Middle School Art department. He plans to buy new paint and paint brushes; and a thank you for the donation for the Loogootee Life Skills Class from Traci Le-Tourneau.

Donna Graber and committee organized one college care package and the Civil Servant baskets that were delivered around town.

Katie Milligan reported on the state and local scholarships.

Barb McFeaters thanked those that were able to come for the photo-op and also Mayor Noel Harty for taking time out of his day to sign the Tri Kappa Week Proclamation for Tri Kappa

Week.

The Delta Tau Chapter is looking into an alternate project similar to the Riley blankets for the Riley Children's Hospital since the hospital cannot use those blankets at this time.

### New Business:

Katie Milligan passed around the sign-up sheet for the Top10 Dinner that will be held April 22, 2018. All members must participate if able.

Tyler Walton requested the budgeted amount of \$100 for his Loogootee Elementary Art Class in order to buy new art markers and crayons. Christina Crane requested money for the Post Prom that is allowed from the budget.

Nominations for new members were read.

Katie Milligan brought the Delta Tau Chapter meeting to a close. The next chapter meeting will be held April 24, 2018 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

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**Loogootee Students/Staff of the Month** -Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently selected the February Students/Staff Member of the Month. In the front row, from left to right, are Braxton Johnson, Jackson Richer, Jaxon Smith, Haley Huff, and Ashton Summers. In the second row, from left to right, are Ava Hartzburg, Cami Blanton, Ms. Brittney Bateman, Hailey Osborne, Callaway Inman, and Wade Sheetz. Not pictured was Paxton Arvin. Sponsors of Students/Staff Member of the Month are McDonald's, Dairy Master, Jones Marathon, Blake Hi-Y Carwash, Running with Scissors, Edward Jones, Jolene McAtee, and Hawkins Healthcare.





The calendar says spring is still a couple of weeks away, but we got a taste of spring last week. I love these nice days in late winter, when I can stroll through my gardens and make plans for the coming season. I also like to see the progress of the coming season. As predicted, the hellebores burst into bloom over the past week. It appears to be a banner year for these Lenten roses. At Sandhill Gardens, I have three species of hellebores and I have several hybrids and cultivars. It amazes me the differences in the flowers.

The early daffodils have also put on a show, especially those on an east slope. With more than 30 varieties of daffodils, the blooms will continue for several weeks. The early daffodils are mostly the smaller blooms, but I have had a few King Alfred giant blooms in a patch on the south side of the house. A couple of the gigantic blooms centered a bouquet of daffodils for the altars of the two churches I pastor on Sunday.

On my Sunday morning stroll, I also noticed that some hyacinths are beginning to show some color, so they should also be in bloom in a few days. I also noticed bud swelling on several shrubs. The vernal witch hazel is already in bloom and forsythia should follow soon.

With a return to cooler weather this week, some have expressed concern for fruit trees that have some bud swelling. While temperatures are expected to more seasonal, they should not be cold enough to cause significant damage. If the mercury should take a plunge, there is little that you can do. Some small plants may be covered with blankets or cardboard boxes. Of course, the covering should be removed when temperatures warm.

The black-seeded Simpson lettuce that I sowed on Valentine's Day in a raised bed has germinated and is a quarter of an inch tall. The red sails lettuce I sowed in the same bed at the same time still has not made an appearance. Lettuce can withstand some cold, but if temperatures drop below the mid-twenties, I will be covering the bed. I can hardly wait for that first salad.

It is time to get a bed ready for planting peas. I prefer the sugar-snap peas, but all peas will produce best in cool weather. I traditionally try to plant peas on St. Patrick's Day. Since I do almost

all of my vegetable gardening in raised beds, preparation for planting is not difficult. Many of my beds have been built with some sort of trellis, so I will plant peas to climb on a trellis. I will not use a bed which has held peas in the past couple of years.

It is also time to sow seeds of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and other cole crops to have transplants ready by mid-April. It is also time to plant mustard, kale and other leafy greens. Salad days are not far off.

On Saturday, I talked with several of my readers at the annual Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners Spring Tonic. The day was filled with good information, good fellowship with other gardeners, good food and some shopping. It is the first of the garden shows, with many more to follow. The Indiana Flower and Patio Show begins this Saturday, March 10 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. The show will be in the Expo Hall and the West Pavilion. There will be 50,000 square feet of demonstration gardens, a plant market and many other vendors. There will also be some landscaping and floral design classes offered, and Purdue Master Gardeners from central Indiana will man a booth to answer your gardening questions. Tickets are \$14 for adults. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. The show continues through March 18. It should be a lot of fun for any gardener.

### Outdoor Indiana magazine features state fish hatcheries

Outdoor Indiana magazine's March-April issue features a cover story on how state fish hatcheries improve fishing for Hoosiers.

The issue also includes an article on Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area, near Linton. Goose Pond FWA is a prime birding location. Greene County's ninth annual Marsh Madness, much of which takes place at Goose Pond FWA, is March 2-3. More at [friendsofgoosepond.org](http://friendsofgoosepond.org).

Outdoor Indiana is available now at Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 27 percent savings) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings).

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## Producer sentiment higher; NAFTA uncertainty looms

BY JENNIFER STEWART-BURTON  
Purdue University News Service

Producer sentiment increased for the second straight month in February, but producers continued to indicate uncertainty surrounding a possible U.S. withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer.

The barometer read 140 in February, a 5-point increase from January's reading of 135. The increases mark a strong 14-point jump since December. February also marked the second-highest barometer reading since data collection began in 2015.

The barometer is based on a monthly survey of 400 U.S. agricultural producers.

The drivers of sentiment have shifted since the barometer hit a survey high of more than 150 points back in January 2017, said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

"In early 2017, producer sentiment was largely driven by an uptick in the future-looking measure of producer sentiment, the Index of Future Expectations," he said. "More recently, the barometer's upturn has been driven in part by a shift toward more positive sentiment regarding current farm financial conditions, as measured by the Index of Current Conditions."

In the February survey, researchers asked agricultural producers about the likelihood of the U.S. withdrawing from NAFTA. On a scale of 1-9, the most common response at 39 percent was a neutral rating of 5, while 34 percent of respondents said they thought a U.S. NAFTA withdrawal was likely (a rating of 6 or higher), and 29 percent thought withdrawal was unlikely (a rating of 4 or lower).

"Taken as a whole, the February survey indicates that producers are really uncertain about about the future of NAFTA," Mintert said. "But despite the uncertainty surrounding NAFTA, producers remain optimistic about the future of U.S. agricultural exports," Mintert said.

A full 50 percent of responding producers said they expect U.S. agricultur-

### NAP application closing date announced

Kathy Fears, County Executive Director of the Daviess/Martin County Farm Service Agency, announces the sales closing date for the 2018 Non-insurable Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). The final day to purchase a NAP application for coverage for spring planted crops is March 15, 2018.

Eligible producers must apply for coverage of NAP crops using Form CCC-471, Application for Coverage, and pay the applicable fees at the Daviess/Martin Co. FSA Office. The service fee is \$250 per crop and type per county or \$750 per producer per county, not to exceed a total of \$1,875 per producer with farming interests in multiple counties.

Further information on NAP is available from the Daviess/Martin Co. Farm Service Agency, 2524 E National Hwy, Washington IN 47501. Phone: (812)254-4780, ext. 2, or on FSA's Website at: [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

al exports to increase over the next five years, while another 37 percent said they expect exports to remain about the same. Only 13 percent said they expect U.S. agricultural exports to be lower five years from now.

In addition to trade, February's survey asked producers about their expectations for corn and soybean production in the 2018 cropping year. A majority – 71 percent – said soybeans would be more profitable than corn, up 4 percent from the number of respondents who expected soybeans to be more profitable when surveyed in February 2017.

Despite expectations that soybeans will be more profitable, 81 percent of those surveyed said they expect their soybean acreage in 2018 will be unchanged. Only 10 percent expect to plant more soybeans than a year earlier. This differs from the February 2017 survey, when 18 percent of producers reported they expected to increase their soybean acreage.

For more on producers' trade expectations and planting intentions, read the full February Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTEX.

### Register now for the Full Moon 5K at Patoka Lake

Registration is open for the Full Moon 5K at Patoka Lake on Friday, July 27.

The race starts at 9:30 p.m. Participants will run 3.1 miles through the woods on roadways, a well-maintained gravel-and-grass lane, and a paved bike trail, guided by moonlight and luminaries.

All proceeds support Patoka's non-releasable raptors—a red-tailed hawk, Eastern screech owl and bald eagle.

Early registration is \$25 and includes a race T-shirt. Register at [fullmoon5k.itseyourrace.com](http://fullmoon5k.itseyourrace.com). For more information, call 812-685-2447.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, contact race director Dana Reckelhoff at 812-685-2447 or [dreckelhoff@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dreckelhoff@dnr.IN.gov).

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

### Fly a kite workshop at Patoka Lake, March 17

Parents can bring their kids to Patoka Lake Nature Center on Saturday, March 17, for a kite-making event for children.

The program begins at 1 p.m. Participants will create a one-of-a-kind kite using provided materials. Once all kites have been built, participants can car caravan to the beach to fly their creations.

The program fee is \$5 per kite. Advance registration is required. Call 812-685-2447 to register or for more details.

An entrance fee for Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area will apply. The fee is \$7 per in-state and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

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## Radius Indiana reveals top 10 projects, 2018 plans at annual meeting

Radius Indiana held its annual stakeholders luncheon last Tuesday at the French Lick Resort where nearly 150 attendees gathered to learn about the organization's events planned for 2018. Radius also presented, for the first time, the Radius Top 10 Economic Development Projects of the past year.

Gerry Dick, of Inside INdiana Business, joined the presentation to reveal the 2017 Top 10 list, which counted down projects from across the region and finished with the No. 1--Purdue arriving at WestGate@Crane Technology Park. Purdue@Westgate is working to further education, R&D, and technology commercialization opportunities across the region.

Greg Deason, senior vice president of Purdue Research Foundation and director of innovation and entrepreneurship at the Purdue Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship, was on hand to give an update on Purdue@WestGate and to thank the Radius stakeholders for voting them the top project.

"It is a great honor to see the Purdue@WestGate project receive top recognition by the Radius stakeholders. Purdue wants to create impact in the eight Radius counties and the project is already seeing great results and opportunities as we provide training and programs aimed at helping innovators and entrepreneurs take their 'Ideas to Impact.' We are looking forward to Purdue's continued efforts in the region to build a more vibrant innovation and entrepreneurial culture and to see that lead to happier, healthier and longer lives for Hoosiers as well as great new job opportunities," said Deason.

The Top 10 Economic Development Projects of 2017 were chosen by regional stakeholders through online voting prior to the meeting. Projects included new investment and expansion at the French Lick Resort, M&C

Tech locating in Washington as the first Japanese manufacturer in the region, and a new tech company, BrightVolt, moving into the Battery Innovation Center. Visit RadiusIndiana.com to view the complete list.

The meeting also featured Radius Indiana Board of Directors' Chair Becky Skillman who thanked stakeholders for their continued support of Radius and introduced Michael Dora, Indiana State Director of the USDA. Dora spoke about ongoing projects in the department and spread his optimism about Radius's recent acceptance into the USDA's Intermediary Lending Program, which will allow it to provide low interest loans for regional infrastructure and economic development projects.

Jeff Quyle, Radius Indiana president and CEO, addressed the group to share successes from the year, from economic development education efforts to site selector outreach. Quyle also announced new initiatives for Radius in 2018. Radius will take its first international outreach trip to Japan this fall to meet with potential investors and companies looking to expand in the U.S. to educate them about the Radius region. The organization is also kicking off a regional tourism branding effort to create an identity for southern Indiana as a recreation destination.

Finally, Quyle announced that Radius will undertake a strategic planning effort this year to define priorities for the group moving forward. To kick-off the process, stakeholders participated in live polling to share their insights on efforts such as developing a network of co-working spaces, collaboration with other regional groups, and the Radius activities that affect their communities.

"Our annual meeting saw record attendance this year and I want to thank all of our stakeholders for their continued interest and engagement as we

work to grow economic development opportunities for the region," said Quyle. "From celebrating the Top 10 projects of 2017 to seeing the support for new initiatives planned for 2018,

## Crouch organizes and holds first defense caucus

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch held the first defense caucus meeting to align the work being done at the Indiana Office of Defense Development with the Indiana General Assembly.

"We have a number of assets in Indiana that support our defense industry, from federal and state installations to industry vendors and suppliers. Indiana has had a strong part in the safety and welfare of our national security," Crouch said. "I believe we can do more, and we must start fighting to attract more defense assets and investments to the state, not just work to keep what assets we have. Indiana's low cost of doing business and capacity for increased defense-related activities keep us well positioned to expand and grow our defense industry."

The Indiana Office of Defense Development falls under Crouch's family of businesses and focuses on growing Indiana's defense sector by promoting the defense-related assets located within the state and attracting defense related industries to conduct business in Indiana.

Legislators from all four caucuses attended the first defense caucus meeting to discuss ways to further promote and develop Indiana's assets. Co-chaired by State Senators Mark Messmer (R-Jasper) and Eddie Melton (D-Merrillville), State Representatives Woody Burton (R-Whiteland) and Terry Goodin (D-Austin), the defense caucus will continue to meet and develop plans to uplift the defense industry in Indiana.

"Through the leadership of IODD, Senators Messmer and Melton, and Representatives Burton and Goodin,

the entire program was a true testament to how working together as a region can move us forward and put our eight counties on the map for new investment."

we will not only ensure Indiana stays on track to be adequately prepared, but also enforce our defense sector," Crouch said. "I look forward to the collaboration between these legislators and IODD, and know we can take Indiana defense to the Next Level."

In addition to the first defense caucus meeting, four of the National Center for Complex Operations, Inc., Class of 2018 board members were appointed by Crouch and will continually meet to support IODD and advance Indiana as a thought and action leader in the national and international defense and national security arena. The following were appointed – Vice Admiral Mike Bucchi, Rachel J. Leslie, Bill Smith and former General Omer Clifton Tool-ey, Jr.

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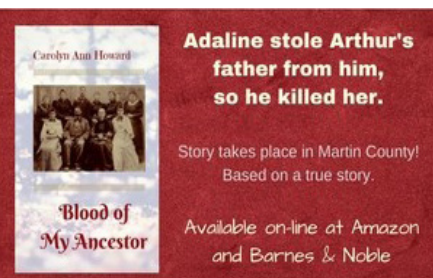


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